# ASE: Harm Reduction in Southwest Virginia

Council of Community Services

Drop-In Center

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#### Overview

- CCS initiated pilot program in 2014.
- Initially provided HIV/HCV testing to Opiate treatment programs across the region.
- Developed an updated harm reduction curriculum and field guide in January 2016.
- Hired additional outreach, education and testing staff member in August 2017.
- Expanded local testing sites to include local shelters and quarterly testing/education at IOP/Day treatment groups through local CSB.
- Added REVIVE Capacity in September 2017
- Began bi-monthly street outreach in Winter 2018 focusing primarily on Southeast Roanoke

## **Program Sites**

- Roanoke Treatment Center
- Blue Ridge Behavioral Health–Detox
- Blue Ridge Behavioral Health-IOP/Day Treatment
- Wayne G. Fralin Clinic (Rescue Mission)
- ARCH House
- Mt. Regis-Salem
- New River Treatment Center-Galax
- Clinch Valley Treatment Center-Tazewell
- Appalachian Medical Associates-Tazewell
- Cumberland Mountain CSB Drug Court Program-Tazewell, Russell, Buchanan

#### Interventions

- Testing-HIV/HCV
- RESPECT
- Harm Reduction Skill Building 101
- CLEAR
- Patient Navigation
- Safe Injection Kit Distribution
- REVIVE! Layperson Overdose Prevention Training
- Street Outreach

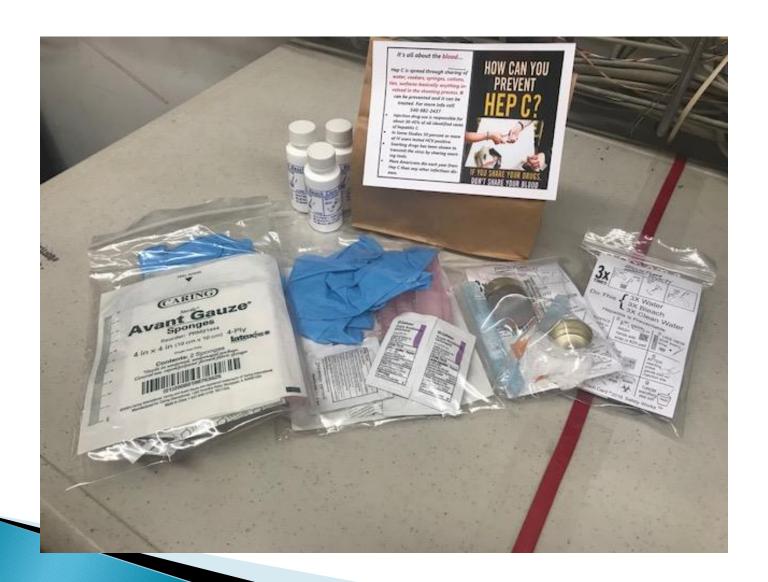
# 2017-18 Program Highlights

- 41 outreach events reaching 1,400 people
- 350 wound care and safe injection kits distributed
- 24,000 condoms distributed to partner sites
- 340 people participated in 42 harm reduction 101 sessions

- 500 received HIV testing
- 325 received HCV testing
- >77 HCV+ clients identified
- 24% HCV positivity rate for the year

- 21 HCV+ clients enrolled in patient navigation
- 57% of patient navigation clients completed confirmatory testing and were successfully linked to care

#### Harm Reduction Kits—One Hit Kits



### Comprehensive Harm Reduction

- Intend to establish CHR program as mobile unit with intake days at fixed location 2 days per week
- Will establish mobile distribution days in each quadrant of the city throughout week

### Comprehensive Harm Reduction

- Summer 2017, City Health Director and City Mayor signed letters of support for CHR
- July 2017 were informed that the Chief of Police in Roanoke City would not support the SSP component of CHR
- Discussed possibility of support from Roanoke Sheriff
- Spring 2018, Sheriff was unable to sign support—did not want to appear to be undermining Chief

## CHR (cont.)

- Independent community members have met with City Council
- Beth Macy's book, *Dopesick* has increased pressure on local government

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# Questions?